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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono today announced that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has issued a notice of violation to Howard Dickinson of Conway, New Hampshire in connection with an undeclared handgun discovered in the carry-on baggage of Mr. Dickinson at Manchester Airport on July 18, 2003. The notice states that Mr. Dickinson had in his possession a loaded .38 caliber revolver and 11 rounds of ammunition at the time he attempted to clear the airport security checkpoint. The notice of violation issued by the Transportation Security Administration pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations proposes a monetary penalty of \$3,000 to \$5,000. This notice of violation was issued following an investigation by the Transportation Security Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The Transportation Security Administration will continue to aggressively enforce a zero tolerance policy at Manchester Airport and will continue to pursue all appropriate criminal, civil, and administrative options when dangerous or prohibited items are discovered at airport security checkpoints. U.S. Attorney Colantuono commended the screening staff of TSA at Manchester Airport for their diligence and professionalism in connection with this incident.